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NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE
OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 1992

Presidential Point of View

by Bill Ness

"... The Edens is backed up to Montrose.....Good Morning Chicago..... and I'm Paul Harvey..... 18 murders this Holiday weekend..... A body was found in the 1800 block of....." Just a typical Monday morning drive to work. Enough to depress the best of us. A bright spot on my drive to work last week amidst that disheartening noise, was spotting an "I Love Owasippe" bumper sticker.

Owasippe. The place that has us reading this newsletter. The place that brings us together for fix-it weekends, picnics, golf outings and annual dinner dances.

Memories flooded into my mind. Sauger Lake 1978 "Over ALL!" Building a campfire with wet wood, sassafras tea, holes in the tent that a person could walk through, opening banquet, Christmas in July, and canoe trips on the White River. Also, the faces of the scouts and leaders I met flashed in my minds eye.

Teachers are often told that they do not know the influence they leave on the next generation. I feel we will never know the influence we have left on the scouts, leaders, and most of all on each other.

There cannot be Good without Evil. The Chinese grant this relationship the name of Yin and Yang. Amid the violence and savagery in the media, we have our Yin to the world's Yang. Its name is Owasippe.

I leave one closing thought about the influence we have on each other and those we meet: "Practice Random Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty." It doesn't cost anything and we can all spread the Goodness of Owasippe.

The Galloping Grapevine

Members on the 1992 OSR staff continued: Sheridan Nunn, Tony Krier, Frank and Jinx Accardi, Glenn Roberts, John Brown, David Levine Sr., Tony Escobedo, Dan Walton, Joe & Marie Klefeker. Did we miss anyone?

New Member News

Candy Romcoe finally turned 19 so she could join the OSA. Candy has worked at Ad Center and was the Aquatics Director at Reneker this past summer.

Al Kuhn attended Camp Dan Beard at Owasippe from 1946 to 1951. He came back as a leader in 1956, 1983 and 1990-92. Now he camps at Blackhawk. Let's welcome Al and his family to the OSA.

Jodi Landman was 1991 COPE Director and used her OSR experience as her Outdoor Recreation internship. She now has her degree and is pursuing other interests. Uncle Tony Krier will watch out for her.

Audrey Pryst has been on staff for seven years, six at Reneker and this past summer as COPE Director. Audrey's father Joe has been bringing scouts to camp for many years.

Whit Lloyd Passes Away

It is with deep regret that we report the death of a long time Owasippe supporter, Whit Lloyd. Whit was mysteriously instrumental in the "discovery" of Owasippe's grave. He also established many of the trails we use today around the reservation. Whit passed away on July 16, 1992, after a lengthy illness in the Nursing Home where he and his wife resided. His rendition of the Owasippe Legend will be missed by all future scouts. Our deepest sympathies go out to his daughter, Judy Lloyd Yero.

On A Brighter Note

Congratulations to Mike and Chris Finnegan on the birth of their son, Michael Edward on September 21, 1992! Mike weighed in at 8 lbs. 12 oz., and was 21.5 inches long. The Finnegan family is currently doing great in their home in Lockport. Is the OSA President of 2015 now among us?

Bob Ward (Blackhawk 1984) was recently married and has bought a home in Elmhurst. Bob teaches at Stevenson H.S.

The Kleinfeldt Report

Tim Kleinfeldt (Sauger Lake/Carlen 1981-84) used a beautiful moonlight night out at Twin Rollaway to get engaged to Cathy Andersen while visiting Owasippe in July 1991. If all went well, the two were married on September 11 of this year. Ahh, that Owasippe mystique!

Wally Kleinfeldt (Blackhawk 1979-82) moved to a new home in Franklin Park and is working as a journeymen lineman for Pinner Electric.

Two other Kleinfeldt brothers were on staff this past summer. Dan was an EMT at Wolverine, and Bill was the Assistant Sailing Base Director at Blackhawk.

Grapevine News Needed

If you have news about one of our OSA or OSR friends, please write to us about it. Include weddings, births, deaths, stonings, promotions, demotions or just about anything. Send us your dirty laundry. It is tough to write a newsletter without some contributions from the members! Send to:

OSA Vibrations
PO BOX 7097
Westchester, IL 60153

1992 OSA-OSR Staff Recognition Dinner

Over 70 eager Owasippe staff members participated in this years 1992 Staff Recognition Dinner. The steak dinner was provided by the OSA. All who attended had a good time. From their expressions and fast eating speed, you would think that they had never eaten meat before. Well you know about the nutritionally balanced meals they serve at camp.

OSA Golf Outing

The OSA Golf Outing was held on Saturday, September 19 at the Hickory Hills Country Club. 21 members enjoyed a gorgeous fall afternoon of golf and fellowship. For their efforts, each golfer received a carefully wrapped golf ball. Also, the golfers with the low and high scores received a monogrammed OSA golf towel. Low shooter was Bill Schaefer Jr. with a 32 for 9 holes. High score was Andy Gorz with an unreported score for 9 holes. Cash winners were John Grimm, Tiago Pappas, Chris Wojo and Mark Karall. Special thanks to Mary Kay Posen for the "Personal Touch."

Fall Fix-It 1992

The date of this event was changed from October 9-11 to September 25-27, 1992 due to a previous reservation booking. 23 OSA members, friends, kids and dogs showed up and spent the weekend at Staff Village. Food was prepared by Chris Sanchez-Drazba and Joe Alonso.

Work completed included dismantling and stacking the Crown dock fingers (watching Scott Weber and his dog float the docks to shore was like something out of Mark Twain's Life on the Mississippi), stripping and reshingling one kybo at Blackhawk, Constructing 15 floorboards, connecting a well at Lake Cabin 14, repairing concrete at Reneker pool, cleaning and inventorying food prep kitchen, mowing the grass between Silver Creek Road and Ad Center, and also sowing grass seed at the horse corral in the rain. Thanks to all who participated. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the OSA and by Owasippe. Also, a special thanks to Rangers Don, Tony Joe and Gene (P.S. the socket didn't work Gene)

Closing comment by Bob Ward: having stayed recently in Reneker and Staff Village cabins and having spent a few weeks this past summer on Blackhawk staff, I can tell you that we have a BIG TIME maintenance problem at Owasippe. We have to stay on top of it. Come the Spring Fix-It, lets see some more bodies show up! The Rangers can't do it all.

Warehouse Club

Warehouse Club Discount Stores are offering memberships to OSA members. Contact your local store and present a current dues paid membership card.

OSA Picnic

The OSA picnic was held on Sunday, August 16 at Arie Crown Woods. We got lucky with a perfect day except for some clouds early in the day. We had over 80 members and friends stop by (more than double last year's turnout) for volleyball, horseshoes, frisbee, softball, boomerang, kids games and catching up! Thanks to Denine Hermesdorf and Karen Schaefer for organizing the kids games. We had a great mix of old timers (Rick Lowy and Jim Marshall for example) and new timers (Audrey Pryst and Pat Romcoe for example). Thanks to everyone who showed up. Hope you had an enjoyable day.

The Drive from Chicago to Owasippe

by Bill Schaefer, Sr.

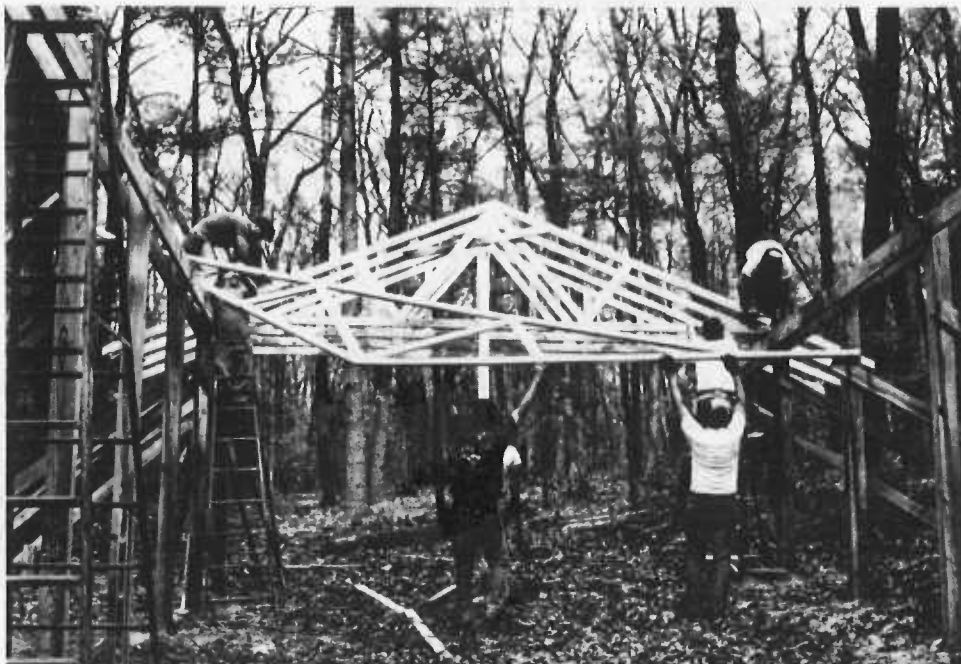
MILEAGE

0.0	Chicago Skyway tollbooth \$1.75
2.9	Indiana state border
4.8	Indiana tollroad
24.2	Toll \$0.30, Take 94 EAST toward Detroit
26.4	"Jellystone Park" campground
35.7	Exit 26B is Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
56.9	Michigan state border
59.9	New Buffalo, Michigan exit
68.7	Union 76 Truck Stop restaurant and gas
72.1	Bridgman - Hyerdalls Restaurant is about 1 mile east
80.0	Winn Schuler's Restaurant, exit 23
83.8	Niles, Michigan and Andrews Univ. and Food Market
84.6	Crossing the St. Joseph River
90.8	Take Route 31 and Interstate 196 North toward Holland
92.4	Red Arrow Highway, exit 1, scenic route
93.6	Lake Michigan Hills Golf Course on right
97.0	Beautiful drive through here
114.0	Exit 22 - Kal-Haven Bike Trail
120.0	Rest Area
126.4	Fennville, Michigan Fenn Valley Winery
131.1	Crossing the Kalamazoo River
133.8	Blue Star Highway, exit 41, a scenic route
134.8 or so	Route 31 and Interstate 196 split. Stay on Route 31!
142.6	Holland - Windmill Island, Denny's, Bill Knapp's
143.2	Wooden Shoe Factory
145.3	Manufacturer's Mall and Dutch Village
148.0	Drew's Country Camping
149.6	Mr. Turkey farm
156.0	Reendeers Blueberry farm
157.4	Yogi Bear Mini Golf
158.2	Roadside park, approaching Grand Haven Golf Course
158.7	The Stable Inn
164.5	Turn left to downtown Grand Haven: Musical Fountain, State Park
164.9	Meijer's Department Store
165.0	White "landmark" building (getting close)
165.5	Crossing over the Grand River; Spring Lake and Ferrysburg
169.6	Muskegon County Airport; Hoffmaster State Park; Pleasure Island
172.2	Grand Rapids exit
175.9	Laketon Ave., Muskegon
176.9	Apple Avenue
179.2	Crossing the Muskegon River
181.0	Exit to Fremont and Big Rapids, also to Chase Hammond G.C.
183.8	Russell Road exit. Go Right (North) on Russell Road
192.1	Arrive at the Administration Center, Owasippe

The OSA in Action!



Construction of Sterling's Craft Village at Camp Blackhawk.
Spring Fix-It, 1992.



Workers: Kevin Posen, Mike Finnegan, John Payne, Ron Ward,
Paul Perkins, Joe the Ranger and "Mo".